

**Report of the Chief Constable to the Chair and Members  
of the Professional Standards Panel  
27<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

**Executive & Presenting Officer: Mr Derek Bonnard, Deputy Chief Constable**

**Status: For information**

## **Deliberate Damage Statistics**

### **1 Purpose**

- 1.1 To inform Members of the cost to the Force of deliberate damage by way of forced entry into premises for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011.
- 1.2 To inform Members of the operational results achieved through such forced entry and other premises searches.

### **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 To note the content of the report.
- 2.2 To note that the operational benefits accruing to the Force in terms of property, drugs and cash seized, outweigh the cost of the damage claims.

### **3 Reasons**

- 3.1 Police Officers are lawfully entitled to forcibly enter private premises for a number of reasons. The main reasons are:
  - to effect an arrest
  - to conduct a premises search subsequent to an arrest
  - to execute a warrant or
  - to save life or property.
- 3.2 It is important that the exercise of these powers is subject to scrutiny.

## 4. Implications

### 4.1 Finance

The figures show that during the quarter, the Force has paid out **£13,775.90** in compensation for acts of deliberate damage. This compares to £10,091 paid out in the same period in the previous year. Whilst 2755 searches were conducted, only 220 (**7.98%**) resulted in deliberate damage, compared to 10.1% in the previous year. The value of property, cash and drugs seized totals **£1,705,396**, and this compares to £850,595 seized during the same period in 2010.

### 4.2 Diversity & Equal Opportunities

There are no diversity or equal opportunities implications identified by the data contained in this report.

### 4.3 Human Rights Act

There are no Human Rights Act implications arising from this report.

### 4.4 Sustainability

There are no sustainability implications arising from this report.

### 4.5 Risk

There are no risk implications arising from this report.

## 5. Conclusions

5.1 The report confirms that the value of property, cash and drugs recovered continues to exceed the cost of any damage caused by forced entry.

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Chief Constable

## House Search Stats Summary January – March 2011

District	Number of Searches	Damage Caused <sup>(1)</sup>	Arrests	Save Life / Property	Property <sup>(2)</sup> Recovered	Cash	Drugs
H	510	11	92	2	£11,270	£1,069	£17,778
R&C	753	45	135	1	£18,186	£7,617	£474,940
M	842	96	156	8	£22,429	£3,180	£568,925
S	650	68	140	23	£13,440	£33,337	£533,225
<b>Total</b>	<b>2755</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>£65,325</b>	<b>£45,203</b>	<b>£1,594,868</b>

(1) Number of premises searched where damage was caused. Please include damage caused to all properties, whether a positive or negative outcome.

(2) Property includes evidential property and property seized.

Please list any property clearly valued in thousands of pounds:  
Motorbike, Mini-Moto, computers & BMW 3 Series

## Boarding Up / Damage Payouts for January – March 2011

District	Number of Claims <sup>(1)</sup>	Number Finalised <sup>(2)</sup>	Number Resulting in Payment	Sums Paid Out	Average Payment
H	51	44	21	£2,603.96	£124.00
R&C	22	25	20	£2,419.54	£120.98
M	41	40	27	£5,402.00	£200.07
S	35	35	31	£3,350.40	£108.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>£13,775.90</b>	<b>£139.15</b>

(1) Claims opened in the above period

(2) Claims closed within the above period, regardless of when they were opened

## Boarding Up/Damage Claims: Analysis of Claims Settled January – March 2011

District	S.17 PACE <sup>(1)</sup>	S.18 PACE <sup>(2)</sup>		S.23 MDA <sup>(3)</sup>		Other <sup>(4)</sup>	Misc. Payouts <sup>(5)</sup>	Total
		Positive	Negative	Positive	Negative			
H	12	-	1	2	2	3	31	51
R&C	2	-	1	-	1	4	17	25
M	20	-	-	1	3	-	16	40
S	11	-	1	2	-	16	5	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>151</b>

(1) For purpose of arrest

(2) Entry and search after arrest

(3) Drugs warrant

(4) Section 32 (upon arrest), Section 8 (with warrant), Section 26, Section 2 (search of vehicle)

(5) Voluntary boarding up, fire, derelict property, welfare